

Re: Final EPRI report for TWG

Paul Thomas to: Fox, Jessica

12/10/2012 09:51 AM

J -As long as the report covers all activities that were funded by the grant, short is OK.

"Fox, Jessica" Paul, I'm just checking in on the close out of our... 12/07/2012 02:59:38 PM

From:

"Fox, Jessica" <JFox@epri.com>
Paul Thomas/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,

To: Cc:

Alex Schusler/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: Subject: 12/07/2012 02:59 PM Final EPRI report for TWG

Paul,

I'm just checking in on the close out of our TWG for the Ohio WQT Project. All spending is complete. I owe you a final report, which is due Dec 31st. My plan is to send you a draft, since you requested to review it, end of next week. The final report will be fairly short (15 pages or so), and will point to the many other EPRI Technical Reports that have feed into the project. My aim is for it to me short and digestible. Something people can actually read.

I will get you the report in December to meet our grant obligation of Dec 31st, but I am more than happy to edit and revise after Dec 31st before EPRI publishes. EPRI won't publish until January anyway (our publications department closes today for 2012).

Is that acceptable?

Jessica

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From: Fox, Jessica

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 1:53 PM

To: Fox, Jessica; Alex Schusler **Cc:** Chua, Ciara; Paul Thomas

Subject: EPRI Progress Report for TWG

Alex,

Please find attached the final progress report for EPRI TWG grant. All spending is complete, all tasks are done, and we are in the process of final project reporting. We are very happy to report that we have well exceeding the original expectations of the project.

Paul, I will send you the final TWG report for your review prior to EPRI publication. We have until December 31 for publication, but we are targeting Nov 15th.

We continue to be grateful for the critical EPA funding for this effort and look forward to answering any

questions.

Regards,

Jessica

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RE: Final EPRI TWG Report - extension request

Paul Thomas to: Fox, Jessica

Cc: Alex Schusler

01/15/2013 10:32 AM

As we have discussed Jessica it should be a draft version until we review it and sign off on it.

"Fox, Jessica" Alex, I have the final report with my editor for a q... 01/14/2013 09:10:59 PM

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To: Cc:

Alex Schusler/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Paul Thomas/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Date:

01/14/2013 09:10 PM

Subject:

RE: Final EPRI TWG Report - extension request

Alex,

I have the final report with my editor for a quick clean up before you get it. I think she will be able to finish it tomorrow. I'm on my way to D.C. tonight, as I was asked to speak on the project to USDA and EPA staff. Looks like I'll be presenting to Jeff Corbin, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, EPA. They want to hear "Lessons Learned". I'll be sure to mention EPA R5 support under the TWG.

I'll check in tomorrow during my break and confirm we got the final report off to you. I hope you had a great holiday season!

Jessica

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Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 7:06 AM

To: Fox, Jessica

Cc: Thomas.Paul@epamail.epa.gov

Subject: Re: Final EPRI TWG Report - extension request

Hello Jessica,

Due to the circumstances that you have had to endure, an extension seems appropriate. January 15, 2013 will be the new final report due date. I'll add the summary you provided in the email to the grant file.

Hope you fully recover and let me know if you have any questions.

Cordially, Alex

Alex Schusler Financial Analyst Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Project Officer State of Ohio Project Lead U.S. EPA, Region 5, Water Division 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604

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From:

"Fox, Jessica" <JFox@epri.com>

To:

Alex Schusler/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Paul Thomas/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,

Date:

12/31/2012 10:15 AM

Subject:

Final EPRI TWG Report - extension request

Alex and Paul.

I'm writing to respectfully request an extension of the final deliverable under the EPRI Targeted Watershed Grant. Due to the flu, followed by a week of secondary health complications, I was not able to complete the report last week.

I've attached a list and summary of reports and materials already completed under this grant, which are all posted on our project website. We were able to be extremely productive under the EPA funding and are very appreciative of the support. The commitment date for the final report is today, Dec 31st. I would like to request a 2 week extension until **January 15**th. If it is useful, I can provide a doctor's note confirming the reason for the delay (season flu, followed by double ear and sinus infections).

I hope you both had a wonderful holiday and have stayed warm and healthy! We appreciate the consideration for the deadline extension of the final report.

Jessica

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From:

Thomas, Paul

Sent:

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 12:04 PM

To: Subject:

Fox, Jessica RE: Updatė?

thanks Jessica, I appreciate it

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From: Fox, Jessica <JFox@epri.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 11:57 AM

To: Thomas, Paul **Subject:** RE: Update?

Hi Paul! Nice to hear from you. I will send you an update, thanks for the flag. Give me a few days to put it together.

Jessica

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From: Thomas, Paul [mailto:thomas.paul@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 6:51 AM

To: Fox, Jessica **Subject:** Update?

Happy new year Jessica...some of us are wondering how your efforts are going, so if you could send me an update we would appreciate it.

Thanks, pt

"Targeting critical areas significantly improves the effectiveness of conservation practice implementation." — NRCS, Sept. 2011

From:

EPRI Environment News < EnvironmentNews@epri.com >

Sent:

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 9:38 PM

To:

Thomas, Paul

Subject:

EPRI: Water Quality Trading for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Compliance

EPRI Report: Water Quality Trading for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Compliance

Colleagues,

We are excited to announce the publication of the technical report, Case Studies of Water Quality Trading (WQT) Being Used for Compliance with Nutrient NPDES Permit Limits.

While there is a great deal of published work describing and analyzing water quality trading and explaining how to engage in it, research is lacking regarding permits that use water quality trading to meet compliance obligations. This report aims to provide transparency on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits that incorporate water quality trading through a series of 18 case studies. This is the only known report to consolidate this type of information.

As interest and applicability of WQT builds in the United States, this report highlights the value of developing consolidated resources of related information. Clarity that develops from this and similar analysis can illuminate otherwise hypothetical discussions regarding the status, details, and frequency of applying WQT credits towards permit compliance obligations in the United States.

Feel free to distribute this free publication.

Jessica Fox

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Sent:

Thursday, January 16, 2014 2:01 PM

To:

Thomas, Paul

Subject:

EPRI Webcast: The Legal Status of Environmental Credit Stacking



The Legal Status of Environmental Credit Stacking

Colleagues,

Environmental credit markets have been established to offset impacts to wetlands, endangered species' habitat, water quality, and the global climate system. Potential participants have explored the concept of credit stacking, whereby a conservation project can produce credits in multiple markets. The rules governing sales of these stacked credits are still in development and proper balance must be struck to protect the environment and the market participants.

Royal C. Gardner, Stetson University College of Law, and EPRI's Jessica Fox have written a comprehensive article entitled <u>The Legal Status of Environmental Credit Stacking</u> (Ecology Law Quarterly), providing background on environmental markets, credit stacking, and considerations for a credit stacking protocol. The authors offer six considerations to strike a balance between the public interest in environmental mitigation and the credit producers' personal interest in financial return.

This webcast is a platform for the authors to summarize the results and to answer any questions.

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Webcast Information

Date: February 11, 2014

Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Duration: 60 minutes

Presenter:

Jessica Fox, EPRI Technical Executive, Environment

Royal C. Gardner, Stetson University College of Law Director of the Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy

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From:

Thomas, Paul

Sent:

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 10:31 AM

To:

Fox, Jessica

Subject:

RE: Update on EPRI WQT Project

thanks Jessica, I will let you know if I or anyone can attend...

A question: "Stewardship credits" - I read that they cannot be applied toward permit compliance obligations...can you provide any more detail about them?

thx

pt

From: Fox, Jessica <JFox@epri.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 4:12 PM

To: Belk, Elizabeth; Thomas, Paul; Gleason, Patricia

Cc: Peter Tennant; Davenport, Thomas **Subject:** Update on EPRI WQT Project

Beth, Paul, and Pat,

I hope you are all doing well!

I'm writing to invite you to participate in an important project milestone: the transaction of the first credits. We have conservation projects installed, verified, and quantified. We've secured buyers for our "stewardship" credits and are ready to test all aspects of the program structure. These aspects include contracts, calculation approaches, modeling, verification protocols, and many nuances across the states. We have completed and submitted our full methodology for credit calculation to a scientific journal for publication, which will mark the first WQT crediting approach that is peer reviewed. Further, we have continued to host 5 project advisory groups: WWTP, Power Companies, Agriculture, Environmental Groups, and States.

Bob Perciasepe, EPA, has accepted our invitation to attend the March 11th event. We hope that your offices will be able to participate. Please see the "Save The Date" notice attached.

We greatly appreciate your past and ongoing support for this important project! Please forward this invitation to your managers (maybe Tinka Hyde and Jim Giattina), as you see appropriate.

Jessica

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From:

Jessica Fox <EnvironmentNews@epri.com>

Sent:

Monday, January 12, 2015 7:55 AM

To:

Thomas, Paul

Subject:

Reminder: EPRI Webcast: Public Auction of Water Quality Stewardship Credits



Public Auction of Water Quality Stewardship Credits

Private dollars have been invested in farm management practices to reduce nutrient runoff, support farmers, and provide important ecosystem benefits in the Ohio River Basin. Now, the resulting credits are available for purchase in the effort's first public auction. Backed by science, metrics, and state approvals, "stewardship credits" can be applied toward sustainability goals, offsetting supply chain impacts, and Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) obligations in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.

- What is the business case for purchasing credits?
- Who is eligible to participate in the auction?
- What does "verified credit" really mean?
- How many credits are available?

This public webcast will provide an update on the EPRI <u>Ohio River Basin Trading Project</u> that is offering the credits and address key questions for potential credit buyers. Hear directly from the Project Manager and ask questions regarding the March 2015 auction in New York City. <u>See Auction Invitation</u>

Webcast Information

Date: January 15, 2015

Time: 2 p.m. Eastern/ 11:00 a.m. Pacific

Duration: 60 minutes

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Jessica Fox, EPRI Technical Executive

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Tuesday, February 17, 2015 1:59 PM

To:

Thomas, Paul

Subject:

EPRI: U.S. Water Prize and Water Quality Credit Auction



U.S. Water Prize and Water Quality Credit Auction

The Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Project was selected by the U.S. Water Alliance for its 2015 United States Water Prize that honors individuals, institutions, and organizations that have made an outstanding achievement in the advancement of sustainable solutions to national water challenges. Now the project run by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) is providing organizations an opportunity to participate in a Public Auction of Water Stewardship Credits as part of the next phase of the project.

Water quality trading is a cost-effective approach to achieving water quality goals by allowing permitted dischargers to buy nutrient reductions from another source. EPRI is also testing the approach for meeting sustainability goals, including offsetting supply chain impacts, establishing an economic incentive to support farmers, and improving ecosystems. The Stewardship Credits have been created by farm conservation practices, are quantified and verified by state agencies, and can be applied toward corporate sustainability goals, supplemental environmental project (SEP) requirements, or for future permit compliance schedule consideration.

EPRI will hold the auction on April 16 in New York City, providing an opportunity to be credit buyers in this innovative program (<u>Wall Street Journal</u>). **Interested buyers must pre-qualify by March 16th.** See the <u>Credit Auction</u> for eligibility criteria.

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